Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Eugene (Gene) Kingdon was born to Henry and Elsie Kingdon on September 15, 1911; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Gene lived on a farm near Hitchcock, South Dakota, until the age of five when his family relocated to Huron, South Dakota, where he graduated from Huron High School and Huron College; and,

Whereas, On December 25, 1936, Gene married Edythe Snow, and to this union they were blessed with two sons, Dick and Bill; and,

Whereas, For 40 years, Gene worked for Northwestern Public Services Company in Huron, South Dakota. Following retirement, Gene worked 20 years for Meals on Wheels and still continues to work there three days a week; and,

Whereas, Gene will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and family gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2011, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State